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The applicants respectfully request that the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A be considered in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of each of these references is enclosed.

Non-English language references JP-05-269132, JP-11-318904, JP-2000-023979 and JP-2000-023980 were cited in a search report by a foreign patent office in a counterpart application. An English-language version of that search report is filed herewith.

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Brief statements of the relevance of non-English language references JP-09-192128, JPUM-3040306, JP-10-216127, JP-11-047133, JP-11-113913 and JP-2001-17433 are provided in the Specification between page 1, line 10 and page 5, line 22.

An English language abstract of each of the non-English language references is also provided.

The applicants reserve the right to establish that any of the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A are not prior art to the above-captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,

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